

Lester Guard Station, Ranger Station House  
(Guard Station Residence & Office, Bldg. No. 1036)  
Forest Service Road No. 45  
Lester  
King County  
Washington

HABS No. WA-172A

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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STATE Washington	COUNTY King County	TOWN OR VICINITY Lester
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Ranger Station House (Source: USDA Forest Service correspondence, September 18, 1923.)		HABS NO. WA-172-A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Guard Station Residence and Office (Bldg. #1036)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Lot 16, Block D, near Forest Service Road #45, Section 23, Township 20N, Range 10E.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Original portion 1914. Additions c.1922 and 1934. (See Historical information)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not applicable	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Guard Station Residence and Office is part of the Lester Guard Station which is an intact example of a transitional USDA Forest Service facility that possesses strong historical associations with early Forest Service administration and also reflects the (con		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Vernacular		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood frame (2x4) with poured concrete perimeter foundation/post and pier foundation. Dropped wooden siding with corner boards. Cedar shakes over shingle roofing.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) One and one-half story, rectangular (approx. 16'-6" x 38'-6") with semi-enclosed rear porch (6' x 6') and crawl space per sketch plan.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The exterior is distinguished by a steeply pitched gable roof with exposed rafter ends and kneebraces at each gable end. Windows are wooden and vary in size and type and include, 6/6 double hung, 9/1 double hung, four light and six light hopper type with plain surrounds. A small gabled-roof open porch with kneebraces is located (cont		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Office area, kitchen, wash room, toilet room and shower; first floor, sleeping areas; second floor per sketch plan. Beaded board (3/4" x 3-1/4" T&G) is located throughout first and second floor except office area. Fir flooring varies in width between first floor (2-1/4") and second floor (5" and 3-1/4"). (cont)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Limited examination indicates that original cabin was expanded frontward 16'-0" (c.1922) and remodeled again c.1934. Reconstruction/remodeling (c.1933) likely included rear expansion (10'), porch construction and beaded board application which serve to unify the building group. Recent alterations include; (cont		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good; some exterior paint and foundation deterioration. The future use of this building is uncertain. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may use it periodically to house fire protection personnel in the future. This (cont		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Limited examination indicates 3/4" x 7-1/2" lapped sheathing is located on interior wall between office area and kitchen. Second floor flooring shows variations and indicates additions to original cabin area. Second floor window mullions are narrower and vary from all others at station.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) See continuation sheet.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Katheryn H. Krafft, Architectural Researcher		DATE November 1985

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HISTORIC NAME: Ranger Station House

COMMON NAME: Guard Station Residence and Office

SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

depression-era development of Forest Service policy and the accomplishments of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued)

on the front elevation, a small semi-enclosed, gabled-roof porch is also located on the rear elevation. Simply constructed ladders are located at the front and rear porches.

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued)

Kitchen cabinets, stair handrails and storage closets are simply constructed.

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES (continued)

installation of gypsum wall board, masonite paneling, linoleum flooring in office area. Baseboard heating units have been installed.

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE (continued)

building is currently vacant and not in use.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (continued)

Treen, Lewis A., Jr, "Improvement Report, Snoqualmie National Forest, Part II Proposed Improvements", February 18, 1916. Unpublished report on file at USDA Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Seattle, WA.

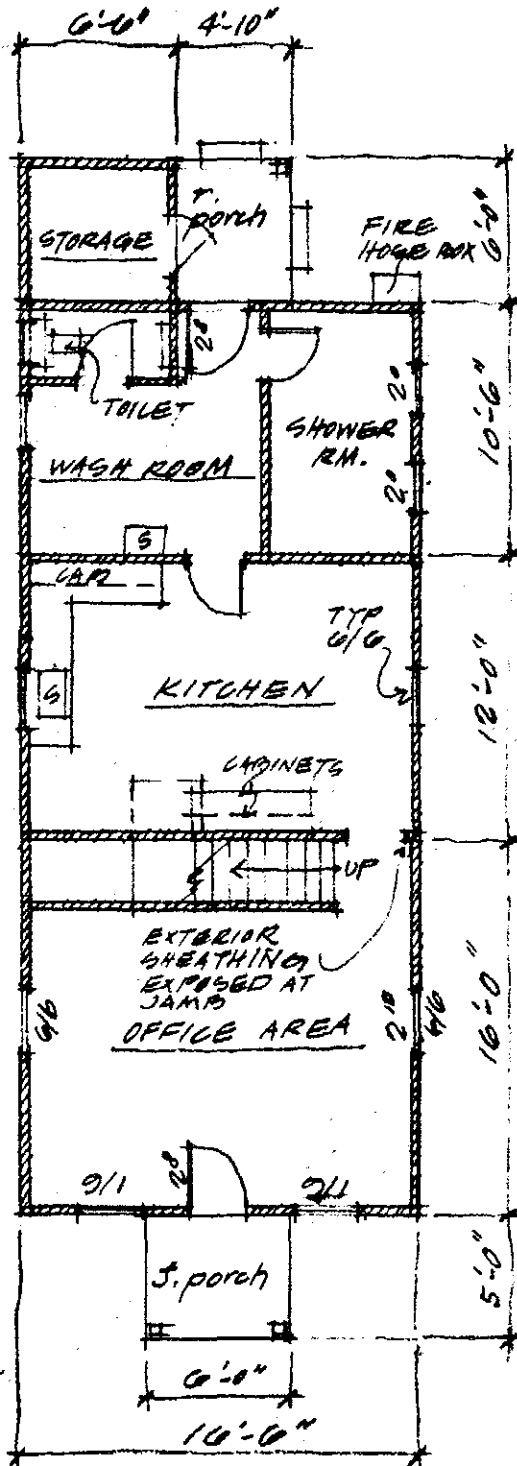
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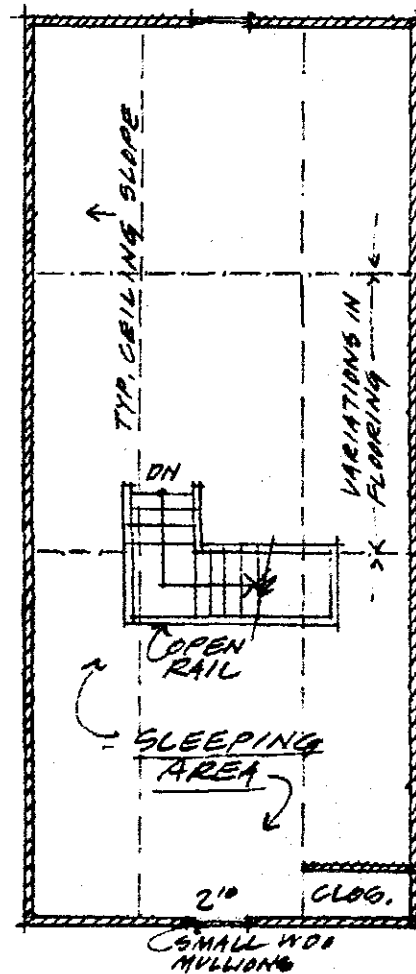
# GUARD STATION RESIDENCE AND OFFICE (BLDG# 030)

LESTER GUARD STATION  
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NOTE: PAINT  
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UPPER FLR